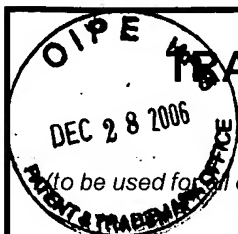
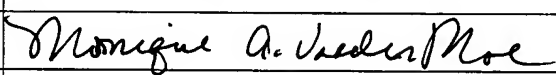
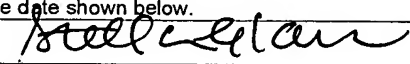


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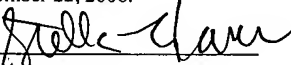
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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper as a supplemental reply in accordance with the rules set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111(a)(2). This supplemental reply, if entered as requested, is intended to supersede the reply mailed on the date of October 18, 2006, which was a timely response to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2006. It is believed this supplemental reply places the application in condition for allowance in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111(a)(2)(C), and Applicants request entry of this supplemental reply and reconsideration for allowance of the claims pending per this amendment, provided herein as:

**Amendments to the Claims** reflected in the Listing of Claims that begin on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** that begin on page 7 of this paper.